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SUBJ: WEAPONS FOR MOROCCO

1. FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATBARY SUMMONED ME MORNING FEBRUARY 8
TO PRESENT SHOPPING LIST OF ARMS WHICH MOULAYE HAFIZ, MOROCCAN
MINISTER OF COURT, PRESENTED TO SHAH ON FEBRUARY 7. IN VIEW
OF THE US BAN ON PASSAGE OF WEAPONS TO THIRD COUNTRIES, FOREIGN
MINISTER WANTS TO KNOW WHETHER OR NOT USG WOULD APPROVE PASSING
ARMS LISTED BELOW TO THE MOROCCAN GOVERNMENT. IRAN DOES NOT
WANT TO DO THIS DIRECTLY. IT WASEFUL CONSIDERING THE HEAVY SUPPLY OF
SOVIET WEAPONS IN ALGERIA PLUS THE LIBYAN INVENTORY OF

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ARMS RECENTLY PROVIDED BY THE SOVIET UNION. WOULD

APPRECIATE EARLY REPLY TO THIS IRANIAN INQUIRY.

2. SHOPPING LIST SUBMITTED BY THE MOROCCAN GOVERNMENT
READS AS FOLLOWS:

- A. TOW -- 24 LAUNCHERS AND 480 MISSILES.
- B. 200 REDEYE HAND-HELD ANTI-AIRCRAFT MISSILES.
- C. SIXTEEN 109A2 HOWITZERS.
- DW THIRTY-SIX 106 MM GUNS.
- E. FOUR MILLION 7.62 NATO ROUNDS.
- F. 12,800 SHELLS FOR 155 MM GUNS. (10 PERCENT SMOKE OR PHOS-
PHORUS, 10 PERCENT ILLUMINATING, 70 PERCENT EXPLOSIVES, AND
AND 10 PERCENT TRAINING).
- G. ONE SQUADRON OF F-5 AIRCRAFT: 25 PLANES PLUS MUNITIONS
AND TWO TACANS.

3. WHILE SEVERAL ITEMS ON THIS LIST, PARTICULARLY REDEYE,
ARE NOT AVAILABLE IN IRANIAN ARMED FORCES, WE PRESUME THAT
IF USG APPROVAL WERE GRANTED, EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO FIND
SUBSTITUTIONS.
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